

**SALGA PARLIAMENTARY LIAISON OFFICE
PARLIAMENTARY BRIEFING UPDATE 34/ 2011 (25 NOVEMBER 2011)**

REPORT OF PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES / COMMITTEE MEETINGS:			
DATE	NAME OF COMMITTEE & RELEVANT AGENDA ITEMS	SUMMARY OF DELIBERATIONS	PROPOSED ACTION FOR SALGA
22 NOV	PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COGTA (Briefing by DCoG on Community Work Programme and the Anti-Corruption Inspectorate)	<p>DCoG gave progress report on Community Work Programme (CWP) and on the work of the Anti-Corruption Inspectorate.</p> <p>The CWP had about 89 689 participants for 2010/11 financial year. As end of September 2011, there were 69 807 participants. A performance information was given per province and was broken down into district/municipal area/ wards. CWP has a waiting list of over 1000 participants in existing sites and DCoG intends to expand the sites. Each of the current sites covers an average of 5-10 wards per municipality. DCoG has a target of 250 000 participants in the CWP by 2013/14. This target is to ensure that there is a CWP in every municipality. Consideration for selection of municipalities and wards will be based on the Provincial Indices of Multiple Deprivation (income, employment, health, education and living environment) and will be aligned with other national and provincial interventions and programmes such as War on Poverty Programme, Presidential Nodal Areas – ISRDP, and LGTAS Assessments.</p> <p>DCoG also briefed the committee on the Anti-corruption Inspectorate which was established in February 2011. Currently the Inspectorate has an Executive Manager, 2 Senior Managers responsible for investigation, and 3 responsible for ethics, training and advocacy. The Inspectorate is mandated to prevent, combat and investigate reported incidents of corruption in municipalities.</p> <p>The committee was not happy with the briefing on Anti-corruption Inspectorate. They were</p>	

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		not convinced that training should be a function within the Inspectorate. Also the presentation was not clear about how the Inspectorate conducts its business. DCoG was advised to prepare and present a detailed report on the Inspectorate during the committee strategic planning session scheduled for 29 Nov-1 Dec. This presentation should include a feedback on the different forensic investigations that have been conducted in various municipalities.	
23 NOV	<p>SELECT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE [Presentations by Tswaing, Maquassi Hills and Ventersdorp Local Municipalities]</p> <p>SALGA North-West was represented by Advisor: Gov & IGR, Knox Mlati and PM: Finance,</p>	<p>This was a follow-up interaction between the committee and the 3 municipalities from the previous committee's visit to North-West. The 3 municipalities reported on progress on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Transformation and Institutional Development; • Basic Service Delivery; • Local Economic Development; • Municipal Financial Viability and Management; • Good Governance and Public Participation <p>On 30 Nov the committee will deliberate on its report on oversight visits to North-West municipalities.</p>	
24 NOV	<p>NCOP PLENARY (Motions; Debate on 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence) Minutes 24 Nov</p>	<p>One of the motions agreed to during the plenary called for the NCOP to:-</p> <p>(1) note that municipalities in all provinces have arrears on rates, taxes and service charges by taxpayers of R62 billion as at 30 June 2011;</p> <p>(2) further note that Johannesburg Metro was owed R12 billion, which is 41% of its operating budget of R9.2 billion, and Cape Town Metro was owed R5.8 billion;</p> <p>(3) also note that other metros such as Ekurhuleni and Tswane also have these huge amounts in arrears owed by taxpayers, being R9 billion and R3.8 billion, respectively;</p> <p>(4) acknowledge that our municipalities are in a financial crisis and urges the Councils as well as Ministers responsible for Cooperative Governance in all provinces to take steps and</p>	

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		measures to address the problem; and (5) <i>debate the financial crisis in municipalities as soon as possible.</i>	
25 NOV	PARLIAMENTARY PAPER (ANNOUNCEMENTS, TABLINGS, & COMMITTEE REPORTS 25 NOV)	The Chairperson of the NCOP has received Eastern Cape and KZN Consolidated Annual Municipalities' Performance Report for 2009-2010 in terms section 106(1)(b) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No 32 of 2000), and these have been referred to the Select Committee on CoGTA for consideration	

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (NA) RELEVANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS (NOVEMBER 2011)

FOURTH TERM 2011

TUESDAY, 29 November 2011	WEDNESDAY 30 November 2011	THURSDAY 01 December 2011	FRIDAY 02 December 2011
PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS , [Strategic Planning Session - Briefing by the Department of CoG on SPV, LGTAS, Disaster Management, Debt Collection, URP, ACI, OCA, Implementation of AG's recommendations, legislation, state of readiness for climate change], Franschoek, 09:00 – 16:00	PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS , [Strategic Planning Session - Briefing by the Department of Traditional Affairs; Briefing by SALGA on MPACs, LLF, CIP, Resolutions of SALGA National Conference, Assistance to municipalities on the roll-out of basic services, progress on implementation of AG's and	PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS , [Strategic Planning Session – Drafting of Committee Business Plan], Franschoek, 08:00 – 12:00	

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	Committee's recommendations; Briefing by Municipal Demarcation Board on redetermination of boundaries, capacity assessment report and progress on committee's recommendations], Franschoek, 09:00 – 17:30		
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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES (NCOP) RELEVANT COMMITTEE MEETINGS (NOVEMBER 2011)

FOURTH TERM 2011

TUESDAY, 29 November 2011	WEDNESDAY, 30 November 2011	THURSDAY, 01 December 2011	FRIDAY, 02 December 2011

JOINT SITTINGS AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

TYPE	DATE	CONTENT	SUGGESTED SALGA INTERVENTION
PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAMME	1 st term: 18 Jan – 31 Mar 2 nd term: 12 April – 1 July		

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TYPE	DATE	CONTENT	SUGGESTED SALGA INTERVENTION
FRAMEWORK FOR 2011	3 rd term: 26 July – 23 Sep 4 th term: 11 Oct – 9 Dec		
NCOP PLENARY	29 November	Debate on NCOP Provincial Week Report	SALGA should participate
PC on CoGTA	29 Nov – 01 Dec	Strategic Plan (venue – Franschoek)	SALGA should participate
NCOP PLENARY	01 December	Debate on Equitable Share: " Advancing shared development through equitable revenue sharing among Provinces "	SALGA should participate
NCOP PLENARY	06 December	Debate on the Taking Parliament to the People Report	SALGA should participate
NCOP STRAT PLAN SESSION	17-20 January	NCOP Strategic Planning Week	SALGA should participate
JOINT SITTING	09 February 2012	President's State of the Nation Address	SALGA should attend
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY	22 February 2012	Budget Speech	SALGA should attend

APPROVED LOCAL TRIPS

COMMITTEE	DATE	DESTINATION	PURPOSE
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